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The third possibility is to take the Santa Fe out of Kansas City to Fort Madison, Iowa, and I would be glad to meet you there in my car and drive you to Cedar Rapids. It is approximately one hundred miles from Cedar Rapids, but by April we should be having some fairly nice weather, and I should be glad to meet you whenever you would arrive in Fort Madison and bring you to Cedar Rapids. I could also plan to take you back to Fort Madison to catch the Santa Fe back to Kansas City. I was unable to get a Santa Fe timetable, but I do know that they run a lot of good trains on the Kansas City to Chicago run and I think you could more or less pick the best time for leaving Kansas City, etc.

The fastest way to get back to Kansas City from here would be for us to drive you to Marshalltown, which is only sixty miles, after the dinner and you could catch the Chicago Great Western out of there at approximately midnight, arriving in Kansas City at 7:00 A.M., and I think you could be back in Lawrence by 8:30 or 9:00 A.M.

If you are not in quite that big a hurry, you can spend the night here in Cedar Rapids and I can return you to Fort Madison and you can catch the Santa Fe back to Kansas City so as to arrive in Lawrence late Friday afternoon or evening. Or you could take the Interurban from here back to Iowa City, catch the Rock Island Rocket to Des Moines, getting out of there about 11:00 P.M. Friday night and arriving in Kansas City at 7:00 A.M. Saturday morning and be back in Lawrence by 9:00 A.M. These are the possibilities, so take your pick.

If you can remain over night in Cedar Rapids, Mrs. Isett and I would like to have you stay in our home as we have plenty of room. If you prefer to stay at a hotel, let me know and I will make a reservation for you at the Hotel Roosevelt.

As I believe I have written you, this dinner is an annual all-sports amateur banquet given by the YMCA honoring amateur athletic groups in our community. There will be some awards presented that evening to champions, but you will not have to do any presenting, as "Cap" Hedges will make the presentations. Your friend, Ira Carrithers, will introduce you, and I am general chairman of the dinner. We would like to have you speak forty to forty-five minutes.

There is one other favor we would like to ask. The YMCA has two or three hundred boys between the age of ten and fourteen who are very interested in basketball and many of them play in a junior basketball league at the Y. The physical director, Gurney Day, asked me to see if you would be willing, provided you arrive in Cedar Rapids in time, to meet with these boys for about thirty minutes on Thursday afternoon, say at 4:30, to let the boys get acquainted with you and be able to say that they had met Dr. Allen. A few remarks about physical fitness in training for basketball would be very ap-